

Tim. Be it not in thy care:
Go I charge thee, invite them all, let in the tide
Of Knaues once more: my Cooke and Ile prouide, *Exeunt*

Enter three Senators at one doore, Alcibiades meeting them, with Attendants.

1. Sen. My Lord, you haue my voyce, too't,
The faults Bloody:
'Tis necessary he should dye:
Nothing imboldens sinne so much, as Mercy.
2. Most true; the Law shall bruite 'em.
Alc. Honor, health, and compassion to the Senate.
1. Now Captaine.

Alc. I am an humble Sutor to your Vertues;
For pity is the vertue of the Law,
And none but Tyrants vse it cruelly.
It pleases time and Fortune to lye heauie
Vpon a Friend of mine, who in hot blood
Hath slept into the Law: which is past depth
To those that (without heede) do plunge into't.
He is a Man (setting his Fate aside) of comely Vertues,
Nor did he foyle the fact with Cowardice,
(And Honour in him, which buyes out his fault)
But with a Noble Fury, and faire spirit,
Seeing his Reputation touch'd to death,
He did oppose his Foe:
And with such sober and vnnoted passion
He did beuoue his anger ere 'twas spent,
As if he had but prou'd an Argument.

1. Sen. You vndergo too strict a Paradox,
Striving to make an vgly deed looke faire:
Your words haue tooke such paines, as if they labour'd
To bring Man-slaughter into forme, and set Quarrelling
Vpon the head of Valour; which indeede
Is Valour misbegot, and came into the world,
When Sects, and Factions were newly borne.
Hee's truly Valiant, that can wisely suffer
The worst that man can breath,
And make his Wrongs, his Out-side,
To weare them like his Rayment, carelessly,
And ne're preferre his injuries to his heart,
To bring it into danger.
If Wrongs be euilles, and inforce vs kill,
What Foily 'tis, to hazard life for ill.

Alc. My Lord.
1. Sen. You cannot make grosse finnes looke cleare,
To reuenge is no Valour, but to beare.

Alc. My Lords, then vnder fauour, pardon me,
If I speake like a Captaine.
Why do fond men expose themselves to Battell,
And not endure all threats? Sleepe vpon't,
And let the Foes quietly cut their Throats
Without repugnancy? If there be
Such Valour in the bearing, what make wee
Abroad? Why then, Women are more valiant
That stay at home, if Bearing carry it:
And the Assle, more Captaine then the Lyon?
The fellow laden with Irons, wiser then the Iudge?
If Wisedome be in suffering, Oh my Lords,
As you are great, be pittifully Good,
Who cannot condemne rashnesse in cold blood?
To kill, I grant, is finnes extreamest Guilt,
But in defence, by Mercy, 'tis most iust.
To be in Anger, is impietie:
But who is Man, that is not Angrie.
Weigh but the Crime with this.

2. Sen. You breath in vaine,
Alc. In vaine?
His seruice done at Lacedemon, and Bizantium,
Were a sufficient briber for his life.

1. What's that?
Alc. Why say my Lords ha's done faire seruice,
And slaine in fight many of your enemies:
How full of valour did he beare himselfe
In the last Confiict, and made plenteous wounds?
2. He has made too much plenty with him:
He's a sworne Riotor, he has a sinne
That often drownes him, and takes his valour prisoner.
If there were no Foes, that were enough
To ouercome him. In that Beasly furie,
He has bin knowne to commit outrages,
And cherish Factions. 'Tis infer'd to vs,
His dayes are foule, and his drinke dangerous.

1. He dyes.
Alc. Hard fate: he might haue dyed in warre.
My Lords, if not for any parts in him,
Though his right arme might purchase his owne time,
And be in debt to none: yet more to moue you,
Take my deserts to his, and ioyne 'em both.
And for I know, your reuerend Ages loue Security,
Ile pawne my Victories, all my Honour to you
Vpon his good returns.
If by this Crime, he owes the Law his life,
Why let the Warre receiue't in valiant gore,
For Law is strict, and Warre is nothing more.

1. We are for Law, he dyes, vrg it no more
On height of our displeasure: Friend, or Brother,
He forfeits his owne blood, that spillles another.
Alc. Must it be so? It must not bee:
My Lords, I do beseech you know mee.

2. How?
Alc. Call me to your remembrances.
3. What.

Alc. I cannot thinke but your Age has forgot me,
It could not else be, I should proue so base,
To sue and be deny'd such common Grace.
My wounds ake at you.

1. Do you dare our anger?
'Tis in few words, but spacious in effect:
We banish thee for euer.

Alc. Banish me?
Banish your dotage, banish vsurie,
That makes the Senate vgly.

1. If after two dayes shine, Athens containe thee,
Attend our weightier Iudgement.
And not to swell our Spirit,
He shall be executed presently. *Exeunt.*

Alc. Now the Gods keepe you old enough,
That you may liue

Onely in bone, that none may looke on you,
I'm worse then mad: I haue kept backe their Foes
While they haue sold their Money, and let out
Their Coine vpon large interest. I my selfe,
Rich onely in large hurts. All those, for this?
Is this the Balsome, that the vsuring Senat
Powres into Captaines wounds? Banishment.
It comes not ill: I hate not to be banish'd,
It is a cause worthy my Spicene and Furie,
That I may strike at Athens. Ile cheere vp
My discontented Troopes, and lay for hearts:
'Tis Honour with most Lands to be at odds,
Souldiers should brooke as little wrongs as Gods. *Exit.*

Enter diuers Friends at severall doores.

1. The good time of day to you, sir.
2. I also wish it to you: I thinke this Honorable Lord
did but try vs this other day.

1. Vpon that were my thoughts trying when wee en-
countered. I hope it is not so low with him as he made it
seeme in the triall of his feuerall Friends.

2. It should not be, by the perswasion of his new Fea-
ring.
1. I should thinke so. He hath sent mee an earnest in-
uiting, which many my neere occasions did vrg mee to
put off: but he hath comur'd mee beyond them, and I
must needs appeare.

2. In like manner was I in debt to my importunat bu-
sinesse, but he would not heare my excuse. I am forne,
when he sent to borrow of mee, that my Prouision was
out.

1. I am sicke of that greefe too, as I vnderstand how all
things go.

2. Euery man heares so: what would hee haue borro-
wed of you?
1. A thousand Peeces.

2. A thousand Peeces?
1. What of you?
2. He sent to me sir — Heere he comes.

Enter Timon and Attendants.

Tim. With all my heart Gentlemen both; and how
fare you?

1. Euer at the best, hearing well of your Lordship.
2. The Swallow followes not Summer more willing,
then we your Lordship.

Tim. Nor more willingly leaues Winter, such Sum-
mer Birds are men. Gentlemen, our dinner will not re-
compence this long stay: feast your eares with the Mu-
sicke awhile: If they will fare so harshly o'th Trumpets
found: we shall too't presently.

1. I hope it remains not vnkindely with your Lord-
ship, that I return'd you an empty Messenger.

Tim. O sir, let it not trouble you.

2. My Noble Lord.
Tim. Ah my good Friend, what cheere?

The Banket brought in.
2. My most Honorable Lord, I am e'ne sick of shame,
that when your Lordship this other day sent to me, I was
so vnfortunate a Beggar.

Tim. Thinke not on't, sir.

2. If you had sent but two houres before.

Tim. Let it not cumber your better remembrance.
Come bring in all together.

2. All couer'd Dishes.
1. Royall Cheare, I warrant you.

3. Doubt not that, if money and the season can yeild it

1. How do you? What's the newes?

Alcibiades is banish'd: heare you of it?

Both. *Alcibiades* banish'd?

3. 'Tis so, be sure of it.

1. How? How?

2. I pray you vpon what?

Tim. My worthy Friends, will you draw neere?

3. Ile tell you more anon. Heere's a Noble feast toward

2. This is the old man still.

3. Wilt hold? Wilt hold?

2. It do's: but time will, and so.

3. I do conceyue:

Tim. Each man to his stoole, with that spur as hee
would to the lip of his Mistis: your dyet shall bee in all
places alike. Make not a Citie Feast of it, to let the meat
coole, ere we can agree vpon the first place. Sit, sit.
The Gods require our Thankes.

You great Benefactors, sprinkle our Society with Thank-
fulness. For your owne guists, make your selues prais'd: But
reserve still to giue, least your Deities be despised. Lend to each
man enough, that one needs not lend to another. For were your
Godheads to borrow of men, men would forsake the Gods. Make
the Meate be beloued, more then the Man that giues it. Let
no Assembly of Twenty, be without a score of Villaines. If there
sit twelue Women at the Table, let a dozen of them bee as they
are. The rest of your Fees, O Gods, the Senators of Athens,
together with the common legges of People, what is amisse in
them, you Gods, make suteable for destruction. For these my
present Friends, as they are to mee nothing, so in nothing blisse
them, and to nothing are they welcome.

Vncover Dogges, and lap.

Some speake. What do's his Lordship meane?

Some other. I know not.

Timon. May you a better Feast neuer behold
You knot of Mouth-Friends: Smoke, & lukewarm water
Is your perfection. This is *Timons* last,
Who stucke and spangled you with Flatteries,
Washes it off and sprinkles in your faces
Your reeking villany. Liue loath'd, and long
Most smiling, smooth, detested Parasites,
Curteous Destroyers, affable Wolves, meeke Beares:
You Fooles of Fortune, Trencher-friends, Times Flyes,
Cap and knee-Slaues, vapours, and Minute lackes.
Of Man and Beast, the infinite Maladie
Crust you quite o're. What do'st thou go?
Soft, take thy Physicke first; thou too, and thou:
Stay I will lend thee money, borrow none.
What? All in Motion? Henceforth be no Feast,
Whereat a Villaine's not a welcome Guest.
Burne house, sinke Athens, henceforth hated be
Of *Timon* Man, and all Humanity. *Exit.*

Enter the Senators, with other Lords.

1. How now, my Lords?
2. Know you the quality of Lord *Timons* fury?
3. Push, did you see my Cap?

4. I haue lost my Gowne.
1. He's but a mad Lord, & nought but humors swaies
him. He gaue me a Iewell th'other day, and now hee has
beate it out of my hat.

Did you see my Iewell?

2. Did you see my Cap.

3. Heere 'tis.

4. Heere lyes my Gowne.

1. Let's make no stay.

2. Lord *Timons* mad.

3. I feel't vpon my bones.

4. One day he giues vs Diamonds, next day stones.

Exeunt the Senators.

Enter Timon.

Tim. Let me looke backe vpon thee. O thou Wall
That girdles in those Wolves, due in the earth,
And fence not Athens. Matrons, turne incontinent,
Obedience fayle in Children: Slaues and Fooles

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